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## may

Staff install new meteorological monitoring stations that employ “portable ozone monitors” at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada and Arizona.

The Ecological Society of America, National Park Foundation, and National Park Service announce the National Parks Ecological Research Fellowship Program for FY 2003 through which three postdoctoral research fellowships, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will be awarded for research on the flora of national parks.

Park and regional staffs meet in Denver to begin testing the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) tracking system, a Web-based application that facilitates public review of environmental park planning documents (see page 96).

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## june

The third national meeting of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Network is held in Washington, D.C., giving representatives from CESU-affiliated universities and other institutions opportunities to share their expertise and capacities with federal managers and decision makers (see page 24).

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## july

The Natural Resource Laureate Program gets under way with the selection of six parks to receive natural resource project assistance from volunteers with the Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement who have a high level of technical natural resource expertise (see page 100).

The Natural Sounds Program Office, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Department of Transportation Volpe Transportation Center initiate new air tour management plans in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming; Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Utah; and Navajo and Canyon de Chelly National Monuments, Arizona (see page 68).

The Biological Resource Management Division publishes a scientific assessment of the management of microbes in the context of the NPS mission, addressing such issues as the feasibility of determining the status (native or exotic) of microbes and identifying the multitude of processes involving them in the national parks.